

HOUSE RESOLUTION 212

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION honoring Flora Huddleston and Patricia Lowe of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body take great pleasure in recognizing two strong women who sacrificed personal concerns and safety to help bring about equality for all their fellow Nashvillians; and

WHEREAS, Flora Huddleston and Patricia Lowe, members of the Mount Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, played an important role in the Nashville Sit-In Movement in 1960; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Black History Month, Mount Hopewell is embracing the theme of "Celebrating Mount Hopewell's Past, Present, & Future" on February 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Huddleston and Ms. Lowe were significant figures in one of the most momentous civil rights events that Black History Month recognizes; in February 1960, fifty-eight years ago, Flora Huddleston, Patricia Lowe, and many other Nashville youths were trained in the principles of nonviolent resistance for the purpose of gaining desegregation at lunch counters and other retail establishments in the city; and

WHEREAS, Flora Huddleston and Patricia Lowe served as model citizens while participating in the Nashville Sit-in Movement, utilizing the nonviolent approach to civil disobedience to achieve integration and end discrimination in the Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 1960, *The Nashville Tennessean* acknowledged that the Nashville Sit-In Movement was both righteous and victorious via its headline "Integrate Counters-Mayor"; and

WHEREAS, because of the tenacious work of Flora Huddleston, Patricia Lowe, and many others, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was moved to say: "I came to Nashville not to

bring inspiration, but to gain inspiration from the great movement that has taken place in this community."; and

WHEREAS, through their selfless acts, Ms. Huddleston and Ms. Lowe contributed substantially to this historic moment, which ended segregation in the marketplace and moved the City of Nashville toward a better future; and

WHEREAS, Flora Huddleston and Patricia Lowe should be commended for their heroism in the face of inequality and racism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Flora Huddleston and Patricia Lowe for demonstrating the courage of their convictions by participating in the Nashville Sit-In Movement of 1960, helping to end segregation and discrimination in the city's retail establishments and opening the door for future advances in civil rights, and extend to these women our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.